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SUBJECT: TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT TO BE
ISSUED AT COMPLETION OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI.
YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS:

2. QUOTE: TEXT OF INDO-AMERICAN JOINT STATEMENT: AT
THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, THE U.S.
SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, VISITED
INDIA OCTOBER 27-30, 1974. THE SECRETARY CALLED ON
PRESIDENT AHMED, AND HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH
PRIME MINISTER GANDHI, FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN AND
OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. THE SECRETARY
CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER,
PRESIDENT FORD'S PERSONAL GREETINGS AND HIS SATISFACTION
OVER THE IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-INDIAN RELATIONS. THE
CORDIAL AND FRANK NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS DURING THE
SECRETARY'S VISIT REFLECTED THE INTEREST OF BOTH
COUNTRIES IN BROADENING THE BASIS FOR THEIR RELATIONSHIP
AND IN STRENGTHENING THE MANY CONTACTS AND TIES BETWEEN
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THE INDIAN AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

3. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS THERE WAS A FULL REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, WITH BOTH SIDES EXPRESSING SATISFACTION IN THE TREND TOWARD GLOBAL DETENTE. THEY STRESSED THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND TO BUILD A BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE. TOWARD THIS END, THEY AGREED TO STRENGTHEN INFORMAL PROCESSES OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS, BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL BODIES.

4. IN REVIEWING THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT UNPARALLELED AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENTS WERE CALLED FOR TO PREVENT SERIOUS DETERIORATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO THE DETRIMENT OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ALIKE. THEY AGREED PARTICULARLY ON THE NEED FOR A GLOBAL APPROACH TO QUESTIONS OF FOOD, FERTILIZER AND ENERGY. THEY LOOK TOWARD THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME AS A MAJOR BUILDING BLOCK IN THIS EFFORT.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATIVES TOWARD NORMALIZATION IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED WARM U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE SIMLA PROCESS AND ADMIRATION FOR THE STATESMANSHIP SHOWN BY THE LEADERS OF SOUTH ASIA IN SEEKING A NEW ERA OF RECONCILIATION. THE INDIAN SIDE EMPHASIZED ITS DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY WITH ALL OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION ON THE BASIS OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY. THE U.S. SIDE AFFIRMED ITS VIEW THAT EFFORTS BY OUTSIDE POWERS TO GAIN POSITIONS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE IN THE REGION WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION FOR SOUTH ASIA.

6. ON ARMS LIMITATION MATTERS, THE SECRETARY DESCRIBED CURRENT U.S.-SOVIET EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENTS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION. THE INDIAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE REALIZATION OF CONCRETE MEASURES IN THE ARMS CONTROL FIELD. THE

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SECRETARY ALSO DISCUSSED U.S. CONCERN OVER THE IMPLICATIONS FOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL STABILITY OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THE INDIAN SIDE AFFIRMED INDIA'S POLICY NOT TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND TO USE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY. THERE WAS MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF THE BASIC CHALLENGE OF PUTTING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO CONSTRUCTIVE USE WITHOUT CONTRIBUTING TO FURTHER NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

7. THE SECRETARY REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS LOOKING TOWARD A LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE INDIAN SIDE WELCOMED THE PROGRESS SO FAR ACHIEVED, EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE WOULD BE ACHIEVED. THE SECRETARY REVIEWED PROGRESS TO DATE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS ACCORDS ON INDO-CHINA. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED THERE.

8. REGARDING BILATERAL QUESTIONS, THERE WAS DEEP AND MUTUAL SATISFACTION OVER THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR DIRECTED TOWARD A MORE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN THE INTEREST OF THE INDIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLE. NEITHER SIDE PERCEIVED THAT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST EXISTED ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO EITHER COUNTRY AND BOTH AGREED THAT THE U.S.-INDIAN RELATIONSHIP BENEFITED FROM THEIR MUTUAL IDENTIFICATION WITH PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. BOTH SIDES AFFIRMED THAT INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WOULD BE BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL INTERESTS.

9. THEY AGREED THAT THE JOINT COMMISSION AGREEMENT WHICH THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN SIGNED ON OCTOBER 28 MARKED A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN BUILDING A FRAMEWORK FOR MORE MATURE RELATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE JOINT COMMISSION WOULD FACILITATE BOTH PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CONTACTS AND INTERCHANGE BETWEEN INDIANS AND AMERICANS IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY IN PROMOTING A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PATTERN OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT. IT WAS AGREED THAT THREE SUBCOMMISSIONS (ONE DEALING

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WITH ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS, A SECOND WITH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE AND A THIRD WITH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION) WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND WOULD BEGIN PROMPTLY A PATTERN OF REGULAR MEETINGS IN NEW DELHI AND WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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